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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT REGULATIONS

Pursuant to § 4-168(a) of the Connecticut General Statutes, the Department of Public Health ("DPH") hereby gives notice of its intent to amend the Public Drinking Water Quality Standards, § 19-13-B102 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, under the authority of §§ 19a-36 and 25-32 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

Statement of Purpose: (A) The purpose of this amendment to section 19-13-B102 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies is to ensure that every community water system is supported by an emergency generator or a department-approved alternative source of backup power. The amendment will also ensure that community water systems have emergency contingency and response plans to guide community water systems prior to, during and after power outages. Both the requirements for generators or department-approved sources of back-up power and the plans will help community water systems to prevent loss of water pressure or water outages, thereby protecting the system from exposure to bacterial contamination and associated waterborne diseases. (B) The amendment to section 19-13-B102 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies requires community water systems to have emergency generators or department-approved sources of backup power and emergency contingency and response plans. (C) Amendments were made to section 19-13-B102 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies.

Persons wishing to present their views and arguments regarding this proposed amendment are invited to do so in writing within thirty (30) days of the electronic publication of this notice on the Secretary of State's webpage to: Commissioner of Public Health, Department of Public Health, 410 Capital Avenue, MS #13COM, P.O. Box 340308, Harford, Connecticut 06134-0308; telephone number (860) 509-7101. A public hearing will be scheduled if requested by fifteen (15) or more persons, a governmental subdivision or agency, or an association having not less than fifteen (15) members, provided that notice of such request is made within thirty (30) days of the electronic publication of this notice on the Secretary of State's webpage.

In addition, copies of the proposed amendment may be obtained online on the DPH's webpage at http://www.ct.gov/dph/cwp/view.asp?a=3118&q=537618, by writing to Michael Hage, Public Drinking Water Section, Department of Public Health, 410 Capital Avenue, MS #51WAT, P.O. Box 340308, Harford, Connecticut 06134-0308, or by calling (860) 509-7333. The DPH has prepared a small business impact analysis required pursuant to section 4-168a that is available for review upon request.



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